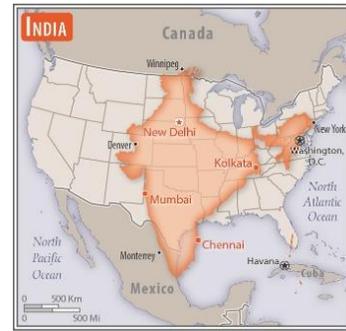




# INDIA



## INTRODUCTION

The Indus Valley civilization, one of the world's oldest, flourished during the 3rd and 2nd millennia B.C. and extended into northwestern India. By the 19th century, Great Britain had become the dominant political power on the subcontinent and India was seen as the "Jewel in the Crown" of the British Empire. Years of nonviolent resistance to British rule eventually resulted in Indian independence in 1947.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Ram Nath KOVIND

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Narendra MODI

### Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

### Capital

New Delhi

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Sansad consists of the Council of States or Rajya Sabha (245 seats) and the House of the People or Lok Sabha (545 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 3,287,263 sq km

Land: 2,973,193 sq km

Water: 314,070 sq km

### Climate

varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north

### Natural Resources

coal (fourth-largest reserves in the world), antimony, iron ore, lead, manganese, mica, bauxite, rare earth elements, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

largest South Asian economy; still informal domestic economies; COVID-19 reversed both economic growth and poverty reduction; credit access weaknesses contributing to lower private consumption and inflation; new social and infrastructure equity efforts

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$8.443 trillion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$6,100 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - textiles, chemicals, food processing, steel, transportation equipment, cement, mining, petroleum, machinery, software, pharmaceuticals

**Agricultural products** - sugarcane, rice, wheat, buffalo milk, milk, potatoes, vegetables, bananas, maize, mangoes/guavas

**Exports** \$485 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, diamonds, packaged medicines, jewelry, cars (2019)

**partners:** US 17%, UAE 9%, China 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$493.2 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, gold, coal, diamonds, natural gas (2019)

**partners:** China 15%, US 7%, UAE 6%, Saudi Arabia 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

1.3 billion (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

1.04% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Indo-Aryan 72%,  
Dravidian 25%,  
Mongoloid and other 3% (2000)

### Language

Hindi 43.6%, Bengali 8%, Marathi 6.9%, Telugu 6.7%, Tamil 5.7%, Gujarati 4.6%, Urdu 4.2%, Kannada 3.6%, Odia 3.1%, Malayalam 2.9%, Punjabi 2.7%, Assamese 1.3%, Maithili 1.1%, other 5.6% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2% (2011 est.)

